

ALLEGED 'REDS' LOSE BY RULING AT LOCAL TRIAL

When the first three main lines of defense upon which he attempted to enter were ruled out by order of the court, W. S. U'ren, attorney for the three members of the Communist Labor party charged with criminal syndicalism, became suddenly ill Friday afternoon and the case was postponed until Monday morning.

Karl W. Oster, state secretary for the party, was on the witness stand when the recess was called. Oster, whose historical black spots is the fact that he was born in the United States, according to Watkins, inspector in the immigration service, refused to take the usual oath before the clerk of court, but was allowed his right to "affirm" that he would tell the truth.

Claude Hurst and Fred Fry, the other defendants, are expected to succeed to the stand following Oster, whose severe blows were dealt to the defense when it proceeded to open its case, when Judge Morrow decreed that the first three publications offered could not be introduced as proper evidence.

Because of the frank expression of this book it has been very popular with defense attorneys in trials of the so-called radicals, but it has been invariably ruled out because it is simply the opinion of an individual, and hence not proper evidence.

The book would no doubt be deeply interesting, commented the judge, but Mr. Wilson's opinion is not competent as evidence in the case at issue. He does not mention the Communist Labor party and whatever opinions he might have on certain subjects could make no difference with the jury.

Under the rules of evidence, personal opinions cannot be introduced into a trial. The second jolt to the accused came when the judge refused to allow U'ren to read from William C. Bullitt's report on conditions in Russia, as given before the United States senate.

The defense attorney argued that he wished by that to show the real conditions in Russia, but the court upheld District Attorney Evans in his contention that the comment of Bullitt was but hearsay and incompetent.

Judge Morrow also ruled against U'ren when the latter began to read from numerous old party platforms, which he had condensed in a book. U'ren stated that he wished to show that many languages had often been used in party platforms.

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SPARTAN AND OTHER RADICAL OUTBREAKS

While Noeske had full control over the reichswehr and volunteer troops, his hold on the regular army was weak. The disaffection of this element, headed by officers who retained, secretly at least, their allegiance to the former kaiser, and gave the reactionaries to give up his post without fighting.

Reports that the revolution was brewing have been current for months. Pan-Germanists and monarchists recently have been gaining power.

Revelations in the Erzberger-Helfferich trial weakened the confidence of the people in the Ebert administration, and gave the reactionaries an opportunity they did not miss to crystallize opinion against the government.

Ebert always has been considered an improviser. The aristocrats of the old kaiserist regime. His lowly birth and unconvincing personality have been held up to scorn time and again by the military clique.

The government practically told the allies' premiers that surrender of the accused Teutons—including many powerful figures in the old kaiserist clique—meant its downfall.

When the premiers finally decided to allow for the out statement and the Ebert government had been weakened and a great wave of monarchistic movement was sweeping over Germany. The Ebert group, however, continued to fight for its power and it was not until the Erzberger-Helfferich trial that it became apparent the government was in grave danger.

When the attack of Otwig von Hirschfeld, a young student and former army aviator, against the Ebert government, then minister of finance, was one of the straws showing the trend of sympathy.

When Hirschfeld shot Erzberger as the finance minister was leaving the reichstag building after a session of the trial. He said he did it for the good of Germany and because he believed Erzberger to be a "British sympathizer."

This incident was followed by the resignation of Erzberger, who had been under fire for alleged use of his public post for the purpose of raising money for the resignation of Erzberger, who had been under fire for alleged use of his public post for the purpose of raising money for the resignation of Erzberger.

The monarchists and Pan-Germanists generally, including powerful figures of the Prussian aristocracy, had made the most of these opportunities. They worked apparently to secure firm hold of the army. The support of the military leadership, however, was not sufficient to carry out the revolutionary coup to be carried out with the apparent ease indicated by dispatches.

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NEW YORK DOGS WORKERS STRIKE

New York, March 13.—(I. N. S.)—Longshoremen, checkers and stevedores at the piers of the Mallory, Clyde, Morgan, Old Dominion, Savannah and Fall River steamship lines went on strike here today, as a result of refusal of the steamship owners to grant their demands for increased wages.

Union leaders predict that practically all longshoremen, stevedores and checkers at the port of New York will join in the strike. Union officials declared that a strike vote is being taken at all ports along the Atlantic coast and that the result will be known some time today.

It is estimated that the strike in New York will affect between 6000 and 7000 men.

The longshoremen are demanding a wage scale of \$1 per hour with \$2.50 per hour for overtime. They are now paid 65 cents per hour for a basic eight hour day and \$1 per hour for overtime. The demands of the checkers are for a reduction of the working week from 41 1/2 hours to 40 hours and an increase in weekly pay from \$25 to \$38.50.

At present only workers affiliated with the marine unions are involved in the strike. The International Brotherhood of Harbors workers have demanded that the railroads take action on their request for a 30 per cent wage increase by Monday.

JURORS ARE STILL OUT IN RED TRIAL

basis for the new complaint, was slain by a high power rifle bullet fired, the prosecution insists, by Loren Roberts from Seminary ridge. The killing of the bullet was 22, and Roberts was the only one of the defendants using a gun at that time.

The final argument of Special Prosecutor W. H. Abel lasted less than an hour. In it he briefly answered Vanderveer's closing, and reviewed some of the evidence that had been lightly touched by his colleague in the opening argument.

The argument was wound up with a plea to the jurors for a first degree verdict in the case of each of the 10 defendants.

The omission of a particular demand of the state that the death penalty be inflicted was considered significant, since the penalty is determined by the jury.

Abel, in his argument, first attacked the Eugene Barnett alibi, saying that it was absolutely riddled by the evidence. The testimony of the McAllisters, he averred, was contradictory, and there was no proof that he sat in the Roderick hotel, adjoining the I. W. W. hall, while the shooting was in progress.

"That Grimm was shot from the Avalon there is no doubt at all," said Abel, referring to the Barnett alibi again. "And counsel was finally driven to admit that the men shot from the hills," the attorney continued.

"Vanderveer tried to evade proving that Grimm was in front of the hall, but finally was forced to do it. "Driven with his back to the wall, there came the perjured testimony."

"Counsel said that the I. W. W. could not be left out of the case," said Abel. "The I. W. W., on the other hand, is not an issue here. It is not a shield of defense for the defendants. Behind that organization no man can say he has the right to shoot down men in the street."

Afterwards the four battiffs were summoned to watch over the jury during its deliberations.

A. R. Johnson of Aberdeen, the alternate juror, was discharged just before the jury left the courtroom. He had been retained to hear the evidence and take the place of one of the regular jurors should he become ill.

Special Prosecutor C. D. Cunningham, before Vanderveer spoke, had asked the extreme penalty for the 10 defendant members of the I. W. W. who are accused of slaying Warren O. Grimm.

In a courtroom packed far beyond any capacity for which it was intended, while hundreds awaited in the corridors outside, Cunningham, who himself was in the Armistice day parade and under the fire that rained on the ex-soldiers, finished that each of the 10 men on trial was equally guilty; that each had guilty knowledge of the planned events that did take place and each sought to take a hand in the slaughter, even though all other men because he has introduced the military regime into the labor

CAMP AND HAD FORCED THE MEN TO WORK AT THE POINT OF BAYONETS

"I am forced to admit that I was wrong," said Vanderveer, commenting upon the fact that in his opening statement he had said that there were no shots fired from the Avalon hotel.

"But when they say it was Gene Barnett who fired the shot, I say they are wrong," the attorney continued.

"He was a courageous, manly witness on the stand," Vanderveer continued, in his comment on Barnett. "If I had nothing but that boy's manhood to offer in my defense the defense would be perfect."

"If men planned deliberate murder would they do it in their own hall, where they would be trapped like rats," asked Vanderveer, in commenting on the motive for the shooting.

Continuing on this theme he insisted that the ex-service men rushed the I. W. W. hall before any shots were fired. He deplored the inability to prove any of the evidence that the I. W. W. in Centralia had been threatened by the business interests.

"Every one of previous occurrences leading up to the shooting, the attorney declared that the I. W. W. dog had been kicked around too much, and that it had retaliated. The I. W. W. in Centralia, he said, was anything but a peaceful organization. They were finally driven to the desperate measure of self defense.

"Because I dared to fight for the under dog."

Grimm knew there was going to be a raid the hall, Vanderveer averred, and Casagrande and Wait, two of the victims, one killed and the other wounded, were not shot on Second street, as professed by the state, but in the rear of the hall.

"It is unbelievable," declared the defense counsel, "that an agreement among men to act like men—to defend their lives—should be set up as a conspiracy."

Tom Morgan, who was arrested in the hall with the others, but who turned state's evidence, was a miserable example of the justice being done. "The case of a man who was held in jail but with liberty always staring him in the face—a man whose life had been offered him in return for his testimony."

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Chicago, March 13.—(I. N. S.)—Henry Anthony Marsh, the young son of the late Henry Field and Peggy Marsh, former London chorus girl, is not entitled to a share in the Marshall Field millions, according to a ruling handed down today by Superior Court Judge Sullivan.

Judge Sullivan denied a petition filed in behalf of the boy by his mother, asking that he be permitted to share in the millions left by the late Marshall Field to his grandsons and their children. The case largely centered around the court's interpretation of the phrase "lawful issue" contained in the Marshall Field will, and in reaching his decision Judge Sullivan set forth:

"Henry Anthony Marsh is not in the class of persons who were contemplated by the testator (Marshall Field) as being one of the heirs to the estate, and is not such an issue of the grandson, Henry Field, as will be permitted to share in any part of the share of Henry Field under the terms of the will."

The \$100,000 contract between Henry Field and Miss Marsh still exists, however, so that the boy and his mother will be provided for.

The decision of Judge Sullivan thus leaves Captain Marshall Field III and Gwendolyn Field sole heirs to the Field millions.

SCHOOL BOARD BARS ALL UNION TEACHERS

St. Louis, March 13.—(I. N. S.)—Following the announcement that the High School Teachers' association, comprising approximately 80 per cent of the high school teachers of St. Louis, had agreed to unionize and affiliate with organized labor, the board of education announced today it would not employ teachers affiliated with labor organizations.

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NAVY LEFT HIM IN DARK, SAYS SIMS

Washington, March 13.—(U. P.)—Rear Admiral William S. Sims today declared that the navy department left him in the dark as to vital naval operations during critical days of the war, thereby leading to delay and confusion and causing allied naval officials in Europe to lose confidence in the American naval head there.

Resuming his testimony before the senate naval affairs sub-committee, Sims declared that he first learned of at least a dozen important naval movements, incidentally, through British or French naval officers or through private letters from friends in America.

Submarine sinkings were so great in this period as to endanger the outcome of the war, Hoover declared.

When Sims returned to the United States, Hoover declared that he had more to meet the situation in Europe, Hoover declined to state.

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